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1 full scholarships for students from the United States to study
2 medicine in Cuba, including three students from New Mexico; and

3 WHEREAS, United States and Cuba sister city association
4 relationships exist between Santa Fe and Holguin and Las Vegas
5 and Banes, and several other New Mexico cities are interested
6 in forming sister city relationships; and

7 WHEREAS, Cuba imports one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000)
8 worth of food annually, and there are opportunities for trade
9 between New Mexico and Cuba; and

10 WHEREAS, the governor of New Mexico has stated his desire
11 to expand international trade; and

12 WHEREAS, trade agreements have been completed between Cuba
13 and thirty-four states, and the United States has established
14 normal diplomatic and trade relations with communist China,
15 Vietnam, Russia and the former socialist bloc; and

16 WHEREAS, in this time of global terrorism, the Cuban
17 government has offered the United States assistance in
18 combating terrorism; and

19 WHEREAS, the United States department of defense has
20 confirmed that Cuba does not pose a threat to United States
21 security; and

22 WHEREAS, United States allies, the United Kingdom, Canada
23 and France, have indicated that Cuba does not belong on a list
24 of countries that support international terrorism; and

25 WHEREAS, Cuba has extensive and friendly relations with

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1 its Latin American and Caribbean neighbors; and

2 WHEREAS, the democratic party of New Mexico has adopted a
3 similar resolution;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
5 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that United States congress be urged to end
6 the economic embargo against Cuba, normalize diplomatic
7 relations, repeal the travel restrictions and to urge the
8 president to use actual evidence and not political factors to
9 review the placement of Cuba on the list of terrorist
10 countries; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to each member of the New Mexico congressional
13 delegation.